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From: National Response Center
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1-800-424-8802

To: MS DICCICCO
U. S. EPA III
Incident Report # 263040

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INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by MST2 MANGONI at 16:57 on 28-SEP-94
Incident Type: FIXED
Incident Cause: OTHER
Affected Area: ATMOSPHERE
The incident occurred on 28-SEP-94 at 09:45 local time.
Affected Medium: AIR

REPORTING PARTY

Name: GREG KING
Organization: GEHRING MONTGOMERY
Address: 1425 ADAMS
BENSALEM, PA
GEHRING MONTGOMERY called for the responsible party.
Day Phone: (215)6388787
Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

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BENSALEM, PA
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INCIDENT LOCATION

1425 ADAMS
BENSALEM, PA
County: BUCKS

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: TOL TOLUENE
Qty Released: 0 UNK(S) Qty in Water: 0 UNK(S)

SOURCE/CAUSE OF INCIDENT

A FIRE AT A CHEMICAL REDISTRIBUTION PLANT OCCURRED DURING MAT'L TRANSFR

DAMAGE

Injuries: 1 Fatalities: Evacuations: 200 Damages:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

FIRE WAS PUT OUT / INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

NOTIFICATIONS BY CALLER

EPA: Y STATE: CG: OTHER: DESC: EPA III

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U. S. EPA III
28-SEP-94 17:07
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY MR STEINDURF

9/29/94 - PAVER has report +
✓ cc. Stephanie B. provided.

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

AGCY TOXIC SUBST & DISEASE REGISTRY MR LITTLE
28-SEP-94 17:12

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE FD AND EPA ARE ON SCENE / INJURY WAS TO WORKER FOR MINOR BURN /
EVACUEES WERE GENERAL PUBLIC

*** END INCIDENT REPORT # 263040 ***

cc L. Lewis / aercis

There was another incident that we have been made aware of in Bensalem. This information was given to us by the Bensalem Fire Marshall. It appears that at the Garret Montgomery Facility at 1425 Adams Road, Bensalem Bucks, Co PA, a worker was transferring the contents of approx. twenty rusted and dented drums to a new drums. The contents of the old drums was toluene and methyl alcohol. The proximate cause of the fire and explosion is attributed to the failure of the worker to ground the drums and equipment prior to initiating the transfer operation. The transfer of the liquid created sufficient static electricity to cause a spark which "lit off" the drum and subsequently involved about six of the other 20 drums in the area. The worker, a 22 year old male suffered first and second degree burns and was taken to the hospital. No other damage or casualties have been reported. Notification to us or the NRC has not been made as of the time of this message.

Fire Marshal Bob Lutwig states that the incident is under control. Bucks CO HAZMAT responded along with Bensalem FD and Rex Miller of PADER. Of interesting note is that this is one of two operations that Garret Montgomery has in Bensalem.

Even though the incident is over, OSC Terry Stilman will stop by the site this afternoon to discuss our notification process with the company and to observe.

Terry Seilman
called about fire in
Bensalem. at ^{Garret}~~Dehring~~ Montgomery.
He was there - its over
facility will be calling
NRC to make a late
report.

it heppend 11:30 9-28-94

1/hold for NRC